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1. "The following information on the Estonian and Latvian SSR's [REDACTED]

Estonian SSR

2. "The training plane used to train DOSAAF recruits on the Moiguairfield near Tallinn is the Yak-18. The plane is a two-seater, constructed of metal. The motor (ASH M-11 FR) is star-shaped, has five cylinders and is air-cooled. Its nominal capacity is 140 HP; its starting capacity is 160 HP. The propeller (VISH-32 E) has a 'variable pitch'.

The record speed on a 500 km air route is 251.8 km/hours
The record speed on a 1000 km air route is 237.8 km/hours
The record speed on a 2000 km air route is 209.6 km/hours

The plane is equipped with instruments for instrument flying and with a radio semi-compass RPK, a radio broadcasting and receiving set with a radius of 120 km.

3. "The yearly levy of recruits to factory, vocational and railway schools takes place in August. Usually about 2200-2400 youths are levied. About 85% come voluntarily; the remainder appear at the orders of town and raion CP committees. Normally 90% of these recruits are trained on the territory of the Estonian SSR; the rest are sent for training to other Soviet republics. On Estonian territory the language of tuition at the factory schools is Estonian, at the vocational schools Estonian and Russian, at the railway schools Russian.

4. "Since 1952 Estonian boys have become eligible for naval officer training. To gain admittance to the naval officer training schools (Voienno-Morskoie Uchilishche) they must first pass through the three-year course at the Leningrad Preparatory Naval School (Leningradskoie Voienno-Morskoie Podgotovitelnoie Uchilishche). Every year this school admits 240 boys aged 14-15. Qualifications for entrance include seven years of elementary education, physical fitness for naval service and membership or candidacy to membership in the Komsomol.

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5. "Starting Sept 53 the railway, clothing and food depots of the Baltic military district at the town of Valga (Valk) were to bear the numbers 101-112. These depots are 'mobilisation warehouses' for new units. The depots contain stores for the raising of one rifle division and a four-weeks supply of provisions for one rifle division."

6. "Depots of the Baltic military district have been built at the town of Cesis, 500-1000 m east of the railway station. Five warehouses are visible from the station yard. Local inhabitants say they are 'mobilisation warehouses' for the provision of new military units."

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